# 2016 OPI Assessment & Data Conference

**MontCAS presents Next Steps**

Eastern Conference
January 21-22, 2016
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Billings, MT

Western Conference
February 1-2, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn
Missoula, MT

Our goal is to provide the necessary support and training that test coordinators and their teams will need to successfully administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment in addition to all other statewide assessments.

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# Welcome!

Last year, Bozeman Superintendent Rob Watson reminded us that our "primary responsibility is providing equal opportunity to a high quality education so that ALL students have the chance to experience future success in life. Keeping the focus on "achievement for all" is still our greatest responsibility and our primary goal. The new standards and assessment tools help us focus our time and resources to achieve this primary goal."

In the next two days, we will work together to meet student needs in administering assessments that will yield results that are reliable and valid and that inform instruction.

Thank you for joining together in these efforts.

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## Meet our Monday Keynote Speaker:
## Jessica Anderson
### "Blending the Lines between Tradition and Technology"

Educators in the 21st-century must strategically bridge traditional teaching practices with the creative use of instructional technology. Instant access to digital media means the tools for learning are literally at our fingertips. These tools are dynamically changing the way we teach and the way students learn. Though teachers often hold strong to tradition, divergent innovators explore and implement what is possible in education. Jessica will share how she has integrated tradition and technology and developed a learning environment focused on self-management and collaboration.

*The 2015-16 school year will be my 9th year teaching. I graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 2007 with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Geosciences. I took additional course work to obtain an endorsement in Earth Science. I completed my Masters of Science in Science Education degree the summer of 2012, as well as my Broadfield Science endorsement. In addition to teaching at PCHS, I teach online oceanography for the Montana Digital Academy.*

*Last school year, I was chosen nationally as one of eleven BetterLesson Blended Learning Master Teachers and had several of my blended learning strategies published in video and narrative form. I was also chosen as a PBS Lead Digital Innovator (top 30), a state finalist for the 2015 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (PAEMST), and received the Gold Star Award for Excellence in Teaching from KTVM.*

*In 2016, I will represent the Montana teaching profession as Teacher of the Year.*

*In addition to teaching, I am the co-founder/moderator of #MTedchat, a participant driven education chat on Twitter. I am also on the board for the Montana Science Teachers Association (president-elect) and on the Educator Advisory Board for inspiredclassrooms.com. I'm married and have two little boys. Besides my love of teaching, I enjoy the outdoors, photography, and anything technology related.*

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# Meet our Tuesday Keynote Speaker:
## Tony Alpert
### "Montana's Assessments: Looking Forward"

The next Smarter Balanced assessment window begins soon. Tony Alpert will provide strategies for districts to prepare for the upcoming assessment and talk about how the results can be used as part of your district's continuous improvement processes.

*Tony Alpert serves as executive director for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, where he collaborates with Consortium members to ensure that the Smarter Balanced Assessment System meets the needs of their students, parents and policy makers. Prior to assuming the role of executive director, Alpert served as Smarter Balanced chief operating officer, where he provided oversight for the financial, assessment, and technical operations of the Consortium. Previously, Alpert worked at the Oregon Department of Education where he served in several different roles including managing the state's assessment accountability reporting, managing the allocation of the state's school fund, and finally as the director of assessment. Alpert also served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Technical Advisory Committee where he provided technical counsel. Alpert earned his master's degree at the University of Oregon.*

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The OPI Assessment Team would like to thank you for attending this conference. We know your time is valuable and we greatly appreciate all that you do for Montana's students. Please let us know how we can be of help to you.

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## Monday, February 1

*Breakfast: 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.*

*Introductions and Keynote Speaker: 8:00 – 9:10 a.m.*

## Session 1: Monday, 9:20 – 10:30 a.m.

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# Smarter Balanced Digital Library

Explore the Digital Library, the Formative Assessment component of the Smarter Balanced Assessment system. This session will provide information on formative assessment and will showcase a tour of the Digital Library, an online collection of resources aligned to both best formative assessment practices and the MT Common Core State Standards. On the tour, educators will learn how to search for resources and tools as well as how to collaborate with educators across the country with the resources.

*Speaker: Pam Birkeland, MontCAS Special Projects, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon B*

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# Infinite Campus: Assessment Administrative Setup

This course will introduce participants to the tool used to prepare, manage, configure and import student assessment scores. Participants will learn to set up, view, enter, map, examine and import assessment scores for a selected group of students using the score import wizard tool.  Participants will create test data structures, define reusable local assessment performance descriptors, and local score scales mapped to federal assessment performance descriptors.

*Speaker: Rob Ginther, Support Advisor, Infinite Campus*
*Where: Salon C*

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# What is the HiSET Assessment? (Formerly GED)

Since 2013, the HiSET has afforded the non-diploma population of Montana an opportunity to achieve a high school equivalency diploma.  Passing the HiSET and attaining a Montana High School Equivalency diploma open doors for employment or entrance into post-secondary.  At the end of this session, attendees will understand the history of the HiSET in Montana, the rationale for choosing the HiSET, a basic understanding of the test, and how individuals can avail themselves of the test.

*Speaker: Marianne Schomaker, High School Equivalency Specialist, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon B*

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# Why TEAMS?

TEAMS is a large OPI data collection system being used for many different reasons. What is collected? Why? Who cares?! During this session, we will demystify the who, what, where and why behind all the data collected in TEAMS.

*Speaker: Danielle Murphy, TEAMS & Computer Systems Analyst, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon C*

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# Session 3: Monday, 12:00 – 1:10 p.m.

## Smarter Balanced Reports

This session will provide information on the Smarter Balanced reporting system including the student reports. As the Smarter system evolves, so too may the reporting system.  A focus group on the Smarter reporting system and reports will also be included to gather your valuable feedback on how the system and reports can be improved.

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# ELP: Assessment Report

ELP test results and general discussion for the 2014-2015 ELP test. Data will also be shown and discussed to compare the test results of previous years. There will also be some discussion and data presented on ELP students across the state of Montana along with the proper procedures to follow with ELP students enrolled in your school.

*Speaker: Natalee Hawks, Indian Education Specialist, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon A*

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# Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) Science

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*Speaker: Mellicent Friddell, Program Manager, Measured Progress*
*Where: Salon B*

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# AIM Data Collection Updates

We will be reviewing the data needed for the Assessment Data Collection in the AIM system. It will include data accuracy reminders, tools available and an overview of the AIM web page.

*Speaker: Gail Harms, AIM Student Information System Manager, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon C*

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## *Lunch: 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.*

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*Speaker: Yvonne Field, Assessment Specialist, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon A*

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# Preparation Resources for Educators & Students to Prepare for the ACT

Want to give your students a leg up on spring ACT testing?!  This session will focus on all student resources including ACT Online Prep demonstration and information about the new writing materials.  Additionally, there will be a preview of new student score reports.

*Speaker: Stephanie Lewis, Account Executive Client Relations, ACT Inc.*
*Where: Salon B*

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# GEMS: Montana Early Warning System

This system is used for educators to identify students that are at-risk for dropping out well before it actually happens.  This EWS is the only one in the nation that uses live student data to help with your students.  This presentation will explain what the Montana EWS is, how it was developed, and how schools can use it in various ways.  The Montana EWS is available in the GEMS data warehouse and the EWS reports available there will be explained in detail.  A full demonstration showing how the data is uploaded to GEMS and the reports are generated will be included in the presentation.

*Speaker: Eric Meredith, Educational Research Analyst, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon C*

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## Infinite Campus: Improve End User Interactivity with Assessments

Participants will learn how to manage national, state and district level assessments. We'll build test data, import student-level assessment data en masse to pre-built tests, and align assessments to courses and reports in Campus Tools and Campus Instruction. See first-hand the benefits of extracting assessment data through ad hoc reporting. Participants may bring a laptop for hands-on participation.

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# Online NAEP Resources for Students and Educators

This session will showcase the NAEP 2015 results, discuss computer access and familiarity, and share teacher resources. Summary of Session: Explain the trends of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and its relevance in the Common Core era. This presentation is intended for teachers, administrators and assessment coordinators that want to use NAEP tools.

*Speaker: Ashley McGrath, NAEP State Coordinator, Office of Public Instruction*
*Where: Salon B*

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# My Access! Online Writing Program

Montana public schools were invited to receive My Access student licenses provided by OPI and Montana Gear Up. My Access is an online writing assessment tool from Vantage Learning, and was chosen for this opportunity based on the Montana educator support it earned during a pilot conducted by OPI in 2010. This session will walk participants through using My Access as a teacher and as a student. Participants will learn how to add and delete students, search for and assign writing prompts, understand the scoring, and more!

*Speaker: Suzanne Evans, Information Facilitator, Butte School District #1*
*Where: Salon C*

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## Perspectives on ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), 2015 Smarter Balanced Results and MontCAS Q & A

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law December 9, 2015. The Office of Public Instruction is beginning to dissect the new law in terms of what it might mean to Montana and is ready to share what it knows to date. Preparing a 'state plan' for accountability is something that will require input from the field and that can begin today. SBAC scores were released December 21st and Superintendent Juneau also announced that Montana juniors will only be taking one test this spring. There are things we know about the released scores and things we don't know. If you have unanswered questions, please join us. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions not covered in other sessions.

*Speaker: Office of Public Instruction Staff*
*Where: Salon G*

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# Creating School-wide Performance Tasks

Kalispell public schools developed performance tasks in science and social studies that connect literacy skills with content area subjects. Teachers in the science and social studies departments developed authentic tasks based on key content objectives that required close reading and writing within those disciplines. An important component of professional development for each department, teachers collaborate to create the tasks, select the source documents, develop rubrics, anchor, score, analyze data, and revise the tasks for the following year. Now in the fourth year for science and the third year for social studies, the district has seen marked improvement in students' ability to evaluate texts, understand the strength of evidence to support arguments about science and history, and write coherent discipline-based arguments.

*Speaker: Michele Paine, Flathead High School Assistant Principal; Sue Brown, Flathead High School English Department Chair; Ben Young, Glacier High School Science Teacher; Christina Roberts, Flathead High School Social Studies Teacher*
*Where: Salon B*

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# Infinite Campus: Ad Hoc Reporting Filter Designer

Explore the integrated ad hoc reporting tool in Infinite Campus that allows authorized users to export custom reports. Participants will learn how to create static and dynamic lists of students and add functions and logical expressions to filters for optimal sorting. In addition, learn how the ad hoc filters are integrated within the product, as well as how to export into CSV, HTML, PDF, and XML.

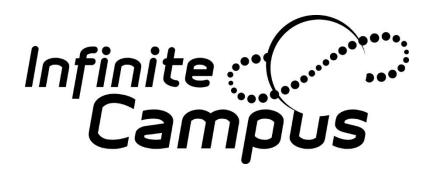*Speaker: Rob Ginther, Support Advisor Infinite Campus*
*Where: Salon C*

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*End of Conference - 11:50 a.m.*
*Remember to pick up your boxed lunch in the Rotunda!*

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